GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2895
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2017
Laying New Lines in Bihar
Devi Smt. Rama

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the work done in Bihar regarding laying of new rail lines, gauge conversion and electrification of Railways during the last three years;

(b) the details of the sanctioned works for Bihar which have not been started till date;

(c) the details of the work in Bihar running as on date but not completed yet; and

(d) whether the Government has taken any special steps to complete the said works on time and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2895 BY SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2017 REGARDING LAYING NEW LINES IN BIHAR.

(a): During the last three years, 122 Km New Lines, 163 Km Gauge Conversions and 454 Km Electrification projects falling fully/partly in Bihar have been commissioned. The details of these New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Electrification sections are as under:-
New Lines
1. Patna Rail-Cum-Road Bridge (19 km) over Ganga River (Entire project Commissioned)
2. Munger Rail-Cum-Road Bridge over river Ganga (19.80 km) (Rail portion commissioned)
3. Sonepur-Hajipur (5.5 km) with Gandak Br (Entire project commissioned)
4. Banka-Chandan (40 km) section of Deogarh-Sultanganj (116 Km) New line Project
5. Daniyawan-Biharsharif (38 Km) section of Fatuha-Islampur(43 Km) incl. material modification for extension of New Line from Neora-Sheikhpura (123 Km).
Gauge Conversions
1. Murliganj-Banmankhi (20 km) & Banmankhi-Purnia (37 km) of Mansi-Saharsa-Dauram Madhepura-Purnia Gauge Conversion Project.
2. Chhapra-Mashrak (40 km) & Thawe-Mashrak (66 km) sections of Kaptanganj-Thawe-Chhapra Gauge Conversion Project (Entire project commissioned).

Electrification Projects
1. Barauni-Mansi-Katihar (180 Km)
2. Chhapra-Siwan-Thawe and Siwan-Bankata (116 Km)
3. Hajipur-Muzaffarpur-Bachhwara (140 Km)
4. Patliputra-Sonepur (18 Km)
(b) & (c): At present, Railways have taken up 66 major projects comprising 34 New Lines, 13 Doublings, 5 Gauge Conversions and 14 Electrification projects falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar. These projects are progressing as per availability of funds and land. Completion of project depends upon several factors including availability of funds, complete handing over of encumbrance-free land by the State Government, forestry clearances, shifting of utilities, Road over/under bridges, canal & electrical crossings, etc. Since most of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways, no time-frame has been fixed for completion of the projects.
(d): Indian Railways have taken various initiatives to increase the pace of execution of projects. These include:-
??Indian Railways has sanctioned about 12,600 Km of Doubling/3rd& 4th line to overcome the problem of congestion over high density network in the last three years i.e. 2015-16, 2016-17 & 2017-18.
??Making higher fund allotment for projects. The capital expenditure for Railways has been increased from `58,718 Cr in 2014-15 to around `93,795 Cr in 2015-16 to `1,11,661 crore in 2016-17 and a plan size of `1,31,000 crore has been kept for 2017-18.
??Delegation of Powers to the field officers for tenders and estimates: The Zonal Railways have been delegated full powers with respect to works contracts. Full powers have been given to General Managers of Zonal Railways with respect to sanctioning of estimates. This has also resulted in cutting down time for sanction of estimate and tenders.

??Institutional financing by tying up loan with M/s Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited for 1.5 lac crore for assured funding of viable projects has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects.
??Coordination with State/Central Ministries: To expedite the project execution and better coordination with State/Central Ministries, regular coordination meetings are being held with Ministries/ Departments / State Government Authorities. A senior Railway officer has been nominated as a Nodal officer to deal with each State Government.
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